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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PORG, RQ

SUBJECT: NAMCC CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO

REF: STATE 74814

1. EMBOFF RAISED PUERTO RICO ISSUE WITH EXTAFF OFFICER PETER SEKWABABE WHO WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER MOGWE TO NAMCC MEETING IN KABUL. DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS PROVIDED PARA 8, REFTEL, EMBOFF OUTLINED USG POSITION ON PUERTO RICO ISSUE AND LEFT COPY OF TALKING POINTS WITH SEKWABABE. HE LISTENED TO TALKING POINTS AND ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING HISTORY OF US/PUERTO RICO RELATIONSHIP AND PREVIOUS NAM AND COMMITTEE OF 24 DECISIONS ON PUERTO RICO. SEKWABABE AGREED TO ENSURE THAT FOREIGN MINISTER MOGWE SEES TALKING POINTS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR SIX-DAY VISIT TO ROK FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY BY KABUL NAMCC MEETING.

2. SEKWABABE IS NEW TO HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND ASKED EMBOFF SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NAM AND ISSUES WHICH CONFIDENTIAL

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MIGHT ARISE AT KABUL AND BELGRADE. FOREIGN MINISTER MOGWE, HOWEVER, HAS ATTENDED SEVERAL NAM MEETINGS AND IS FAMILIAR WITH PUERTO RICO ISSUE.

3. COMMENT: GOB IS NOT LIKELY TO ACTIVELY OPPOSE NAMCC CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT BOTSWANA WOULD AGAIN EXPRESS ITS RESER-

VATIONS ON NAMCC RESOLUTION LABELING PUERTO RICO A
COLONY OR RECOMMENDING THAT ISSUE BE RAISED IN INTER-
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